

BLONDIE



SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



ANDY CAPP



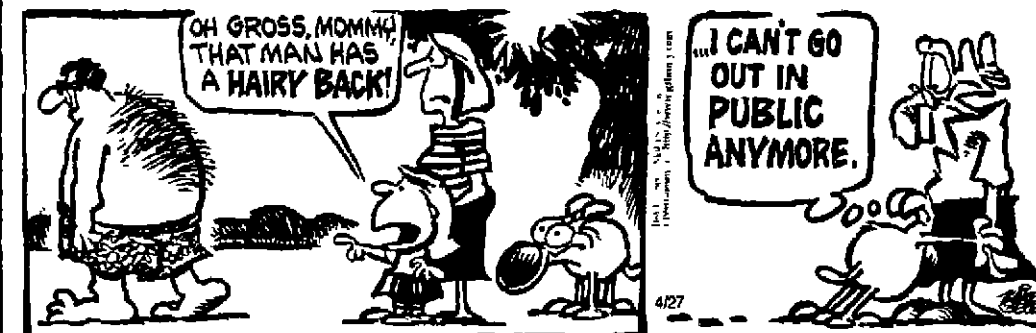
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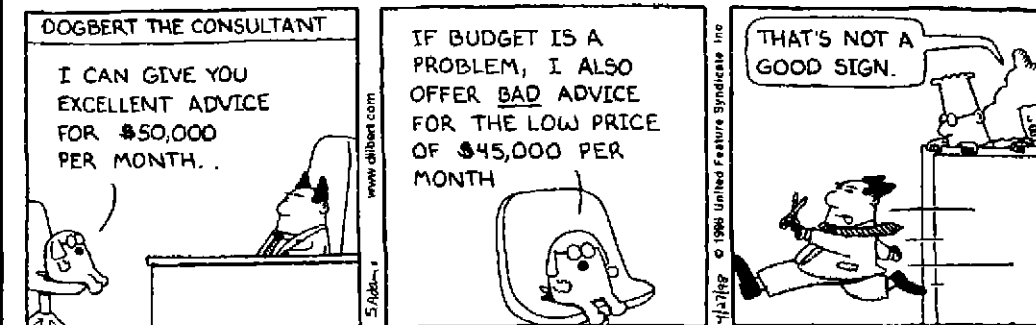
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



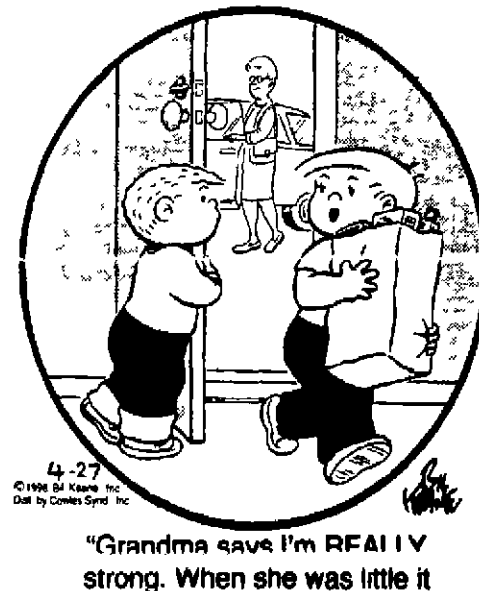
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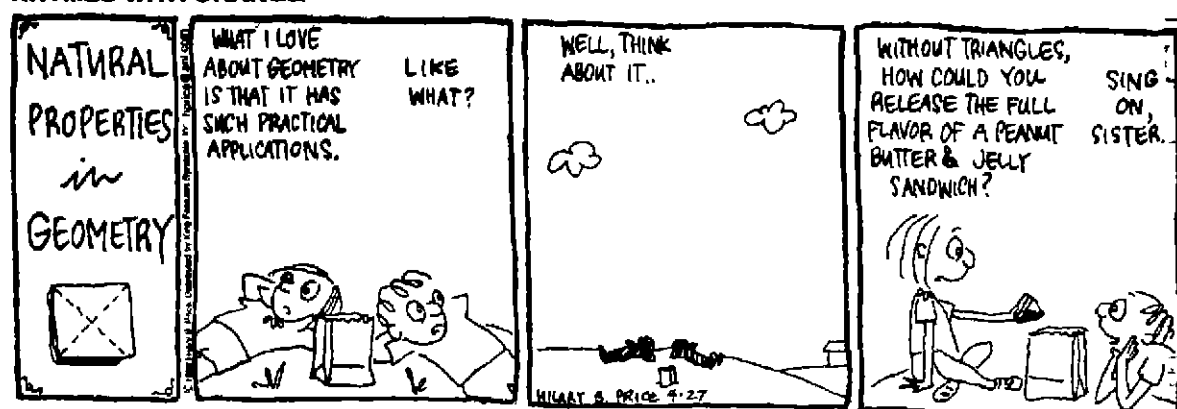
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

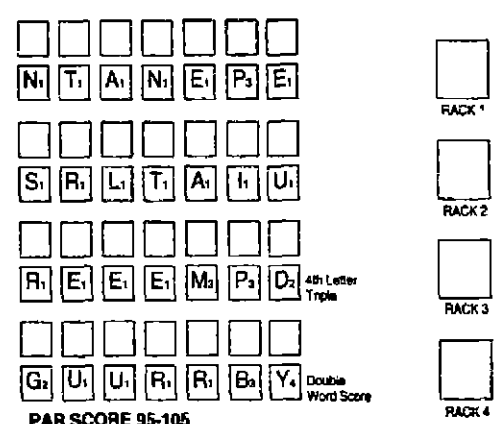
Actor Jack Klugman is 76 Civil rights activist Coretta Scott King is 71 Actress Anouk Aimee is 66 An-Jumper Casey Kasam is 66 Actress Judy Carne is 59 Opera singer Judith Blegen is 57 Actor Douglas Sheehan ("Knots Landing") is 49 Rock musician Ace Frehley (KISS) is 47 Pop singer Sheena Easton is 39 Singer Mica Paris is 29 Rock singer-musician Travis Meeks (Days of the New) is 19.

I NEED HELP



Prince Charming searches for the owner of the glass eye.

SCRABBLE



by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. 'Blanks' used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). Judd's SOLUTION TOMORROW 4-27-98. © 1998 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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WORD SLEUTH

Words ending in "den"

L K H D A X U Q N W K L H E B
Y V S P M J H E B I A N Y V T
Q O L I F O R B I D D E N G D
B Y W T R P M K E E I D E F D
B Y W U S Q O N N N N A D M K
I F D B Z X E E E E E E A W U
S Q O N L D D D D D D D O J H
F D C A E I D D L R Y R W V
T S Q W U A I I A O A A B U P
N L S S M H K R S G G I H H B
F E C B Z Y W V U S R Q P N M

Saturday's unlisted clue COCOA

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Monday's unlisted clue hint SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRY

Broaden Garden Laiden Sadden
Burden Golden Maiden Sudden
Deaden Harden Olden Widen
Forbidden Hidden Ridden

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HOROSCOPE

For Tuesday, April 28, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You make some new acquaintances. A party could materialize out of the blue. One associate is either undependable or temperamental.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You get important new insights. You could feel ambivalent about some tasks that require your attention. You're not really raring to go.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You just don't want to be tied down. You're trying to find a way to do your own thing without upsetting those around you.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might come up with new chances to increase income. At the same time, there's a likelihood of extra expenses.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) It is a time of scintillating thought and new plans. However, it's not the best day for getting your ideas across to others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Unexpected company could drop by or something could disrupt your usual routine at home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) An impromptu venture or a chance encounter threatens to consume you. Don't neglect your commitments, however.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) If obstacles interfere with the completion of a project, your best bet is to tackle something else. By day's end, you accomplish a lot.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Keep a flexible schedule. A freedom-loving close tie is liable to surprise you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) The accent should be on saving rather than spending. However, unexpected expenditures could crop up.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Those who travel meet with the unexpected. Give yourself enough time to get where you're going.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Unexpected developments in business necessitate a change in other plans.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

An accomplished declarer knows which tricks he must take quickly and which he should postpone. Today's declarer flunked his test. He couldn't resist the temptation of an early diamond ruff. South ducked West's diamond lead, took the second and quickly ruffed his last diamond in dummy. Next he cashed his two top trumps to find a decent break, but it was all downhill from there. He cashed dummy's top clubs and ruffed a club, but when the suit didn't break the game fell out of reach. If he led spades, the defenders would score two spade winners, and if he led a trump, West would win and continue with diamonds. How does delaying the diamond ruff help South? It provides him a dummy entry when he most needs it. After South wins his diamond ace, he cashes his two top trumps, happy to find only one trump loser. Then he cashes dummy's top clubs and ruffs a club. (It does no good for West to overruff.) Now the delayed diamond ruff is put to good use. After dummy ruffs, South ruffs another club to establish dummy's fifth club. That done, South crosses to dummy's spade ace and discards a spade on dummy's last club. This limits the defense to a trump, a spade and a diamond, leaving 10 tricks and game for a patient South.

NORTH 04 27 A

♠ A J 7
♥ J 8 4
♦ 9 2
♣ A K J 8 3

WEST EAST

♠ K 9 8 ♠ Q 6 5 4
♥ Q 7 3 ♥ 10 9
♦ Q J 10 7 3 ♦ K 6 4
♣ 5 4 ♣ Q 10 9 6

SOUTH

♠ 10 3 2
♥ A K 6 5 2
♦ A 8 5
♣ 7 2

Vulnerable: East West
Dealer: North

The bidding

North East South West
1♣ Pass 1♥ Pass
2♥ Pass 4♥ All pass

Opening lead: Diamond queen

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0316

ACROSS

- 1 Diminished over time, as the moon
- 8 Model T starter
- 11 15-Across swung one
- 14 French novelist Zola
- 15 Baseball's Hammerin' Hank
- 16 Grow old
- 17 "Great" words from Jerry Lee Lewis
- 19 Sought office
- 20 Tallow source
- 21 Like a haunted house
- 22 Cosmetics
- 27 Name to a position
- 28 Not these or those

DOWN

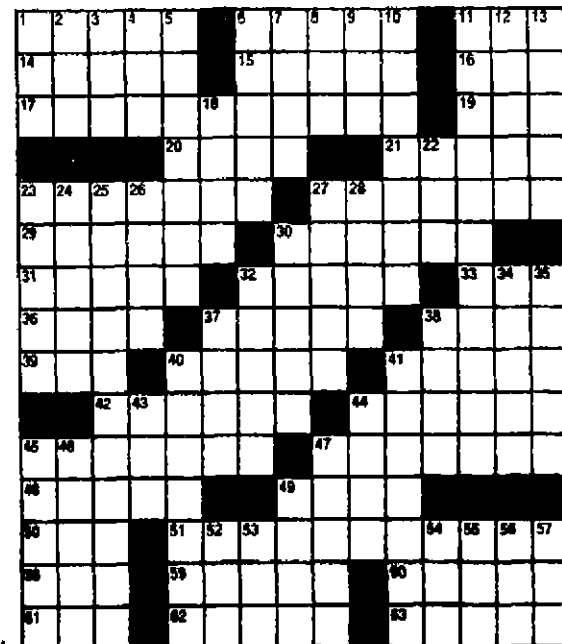
- 30 Artist Enc
- 31 Time on the job
- 32 Physical stature
- 33 Letter after pi
- 34 Tennis units
- 37 Gnatlike insect
- 38 St. Paul's architect Sir Christopher
- 39 Before, in poetry
- 40 Alternative to a convertible
- 41 Appearances
- 42 Lustrous cotton fabric
- 44 Harsh
- 45 Clothes with slogans
- 47 Charity event
- 48 Second City's #1 airport
- 49 Weapon swung by a gaucher
- 50 Needlefish
- 51 "Great" Asian landmark
- 52 Indiana Jones's quest
- 53 "The Waste Land" poet
- 54 Word after dog or jug
- 55 Bro's sibling
- 56 "You Light Up My Life" singer Boone
- 57 Drive too fast

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

OCTAL MADROCK
SHEBA RESIDUAL
CATHY YEARNED
AFRO MENDEO JANE
BEAR WINDOW JANE
REDDEN TILDS
OSIGER PICKAX
MAHON FAYHER
WORTHY MEPTAS
AMINO FUSTEE
GOIVY STERTISTELLER
ETIA TUNHAT JUNE
NOLICEMOAL AFINE
ENDGAMES DOGES
GILLINUS PRIDE

DOWN

- 1 Spider's snare
- 2 Doctors' grp
- 3 Nothing
- 4 Building wing
- 5 Tapioca pudding, e.g.
- 6 Parisian diners
- 7 Huck Finn's conveyance
- 8 "Jackie's" surname
- 9 "any drop to drink"
- 10 Coleridge
- 11 Patella
- 12 Protector
- 13 "Great"
- 14 Australian landmark
- 15 Once more
- 16 Group better
- 17 Mine and yours
- 18 Seemingly
- 19 Sheriff's group
- 20 Weasel relative
- 21 "Great" ocean predators



Puzzle by Mark Miodownik

- 26 TV rooms
- 27 True up
- 28 True north spot
- 29 Khartoum is its capital
- 32 Waits
- 33 Artist Matisse
- 34 Beginning
- 37 Make the acquaintance of
- 38 Marry a woman
- 39 seeds
- 41 What Dennis does to Mr. Wilson
- 43 Lungful
- 44 The individual
- 45 Ceremonial gowns
- 46 Puppeteer Lewis
- 47 Ill-gotten gains
- 48 Spitch
- 52 Pub choice
- 53 Women's
- 54 See by chance, with "upon"
- 55 Intense anger
- 56 Maiden name precursor
- 57 Use an abacus

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